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still greater, if there be many of these Points, that the Error lights not upon such a single Article; *as in the Third Proposition.*

IV. *Part of a Letter from Dr. Hotton to Dr. Tancred Robinson, Concerning the late Swammerdams Treatise de Apibus; the Ahmella Ceylonensibus, and the Faba Sti. Ignatii.*

IT A est, damnabat sua studia ὁ μακροῦς Swammerdamius noster; erat enim Sectæ *Antonia Bourignon* addictus: id verò doleo non produisse Amici hujus nostri *Commentarium de Apibus*, omnium quæ unquam elaboravit Castigatissimum; hoc opus vernaculo Sermone scriptum cum Iconibus quamplurimis eò spectantibus plus semel apud eum vidisse me satis memini, at ubi jam latitat ignoro prorsus.

Nuperis Annis magnam celebritatem nacta est ob vim Lithontripticam quæ ipsi ascribitur, Herba quædam à *Ceylonensibus Ahmella* dicta. An jam uspiam exstet nescio; sed eam colui, cum versarer in Præfecturâ *Horti Amstelod.* Flores fundit in summis caulibus per similes *Chrysanthemo Curassav.* alato caule flo. *Aurantiis* Par. Bat. Semen ei bidens, caules quadrati, fol. Lamii vel *Urticæ* (quæ subacria sunt) conjugatis amicti; undè manifestè liquet ad *Cannabinæ* Genus, quod bidens vocat *Ca/alpinus*, eumque sequutus *Tournefortius*, spectare; neque fortè inconcinne nuncupari posse *Cannabinam* aut *bidentem Urticæfoliam Indicam Lithontripticam.*

Novissimè quoque increbuit usus *Faba*, quam vocant, *di Sto. Ignatio*; dicitur & *Higosur* & *Faba di St. Nicolas* & *de Cava longa.* Semen est amarissimum, quod nullam
Fabæ

Fabæ præ se fert similitudinem, ut ex ipso semine adjecto videbis. Ad movendos sudores & debellandos Febres præcipuum creditur ; & Diarrhœæ, Dysenteriæ, colicis doloribus, motibus convulsivis, ipsique epilepsiæ mederi, & externè admotum scabiei ; celebratur cum primis & ejus Virtus Alexipharmaca. Provenit in *Philippinis* quas vocant, iisque vicinis *Insulis*. Cujus Generis stirps sit ignoratur ; id tantum didici ex D. *Rafaele de Roa*, Hispano viro egregio & erudito, qui in iis *Insulis* diu vixit, convolvulaceam esse Plantam Arbores altissimas scandentem, fructumque ferre Mali Punici magnitudine, quo complura Semina reconduntur, ex quibus deciduis novæ Plantæ subnascuntur. Fortè erit ut ejus mentio fiat in *Historia Naturali Insularum Molucarum*, Opere grandi & insigni, quod ad Societatem nostram Indicam nuper misit ejus Auctor *Georgius Rumphius*. Hoc si aliquando publicetur (ut credibile est) materiam præbere poterit Quarto Volumini *Histor. General. Plantar.* D. J. Rati.
